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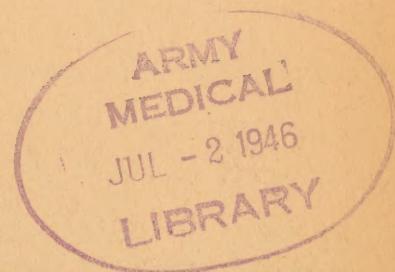
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TREATMENT OF PERSONNEL REQUIRING THE USE OF THE  
DRINKER RESPIRATOR (IRON LUNG)

1. Drinker Respirators have been assigned permanently to the following hospitals and will not be transferred or shipped therefrom:

1. 97th General Hospital
2. 98th " "
3. 239th " "
4. 121st " "
5. 116th " "



2. Success in the use of the Drinker Respirator requires that it be operated by a trained team. Also the delicacy of the machinery in the Drinker Respirator precludes movement of the machine from one hospital to another except under unusual circumstances. Therefore all patients whose treatment requires the use of the Drinker Respirator and whose physical condition permits will be evacuated to the nearest hospital listed above after having obtained clearance from the C/O. In the event that the hospital nearest to the patient is unable to accept transfer, the Hospitalization Division, Office of the Theater Chief Surgeon, Telephone - Frankfurt 33072, will be contacted for information concerning the hospital to which evacuation will be made. It is very important that patients who may need treatment requiring the use of a Drinker Respirator be evacuated as early as possible and prior to the development of advanced respiratory paralysis. In the event the physical condition of the patient precludes transfer, artificial respiration and oxygen will be used to the maximum, and the Professional Service Division, Office of the Theater Chief Surgeon, Telephone Frankfurt 33929, will be contacted regarding the possibility of obtaining a respirator for the patient.

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